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SUBJECT: MAY 13 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. HABIB/HUMMEL

WH WEDNESDAY ANNOUNCED SERIES DOS CHANGES, INCLUDING NOMINATION EA'S HABIB TO SUCCEED SISCO AS UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, AND HUMMEL REPLACING HABIB (WSJ, WP'S OBERDORFER). SUN ITEM SAYS ASSIGNMENTS ALL EXPECTED RECEIVE ROUTINE SENATE CONFIRMATION. NYDN REPORT BY JACKMAN HIGHLIGHTS HABIB APPOINTMENT (WITH PHOTO). NOTES HABIB "OUTSPOKEN" BROOKLYN NATIVE, SERVED MORE THAN TWO YEARS AS CHIEF US REP TO VN PEACE TALKS IN PARIS.

2. CHINA

LEE KUAN YEW MET MAO WEDNESDAY, BUT NO DETAILS OF AUDIENCE RELEASED. WAS ONLY FIFTH TIME THIS YEAR THAT CHAIRMAN HAS RECEIVED FOREIGNER. MEETING UNDERSTOOD HELD IN UNCLASSIFIED

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MAO'S RESIDENCE (REUTER PEKING 5/12).

VISITING FRENCH HEALTH MINISTER VEIL RETURNED TO PEKING WEDNESDAY AFTER THREE-DAY SHANGHAI STAY, WHERE JOINED UNEXPECTEDLY BY COUNTERPART MRS. LIU HSIANG-PING (AFP, WP).

NYT'S GELB REPORTS THAT ACCORDING JIMMY CARTER AIDES/ADVISERS, SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE MADE NUMEROUS CONTACTS WITH THEM, EXPRESSING INTEREST IN PRESIDENTIAL RACE AND IMPLYING THEY COULD POSSIBLY PURSUE POLICIES THAT MIGHT INFLUENCE OUTCOME. NOTES CARTER PEOPLE SAID THEY HAD ALSO BEEN APPROACHED BY FRENCH/BRITISH DIPLOMATS -- BUT NEVER BY CHINESE DIPLOMATS.

3. KOREA

UNIFICATION CHURCH NEGOTIATING BUY 2,000-ROOM NEW YORKER HOTEL, VACANT MORE THAN YEAR. PRESUMABLY WOULD SERVE AS US HQ, IF MOON SECT DECIDES BUY (NYT).

4. JAPAN

JOC'S CULLISON NOTES EC MISSION MAY 11-12 PERSUADED GOJ ALLOW MEMBERS PERFORM TESTS REQUIREO FOR AUTOS EXPORTED JAPAN. MISSION LEADER HORST KRENZLER TOLD PRESS TOKYO WEDNESDAY EC CONSIDERS REMOVAL SUCH TECHNICAL BARRIERS IN AUTO TRADE "VITAL" TO REDRESS CURRENT 3-BILLION DOL TRADE IMBALANCE WITH JAPAN.

IDB SAID WEDNESDAY 'AS BORROWED 5 BILLION CONVERTIBLE YEN (16.7 MILLION DOLS) FROM JAPAN EX-IM, CONSORTIA PRIVATE BANKS. INTEREST RATES AVERAGE "JUST BELOW" 8.5 PCT (JOC, WASHINGTON).

5. PHILIPPINES

FORMER MANILA PUBLISHER J. G. QUIJANO TOLD IPI MEETING PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, MARCOS HAS DESTROYED ALL VESTIGES DEMOCRACY IN PHILS, INCLUDING FREE PRESS. CHARGED MARCOS RUNS "MOST RUTHLESS AND CORR'PT DICTATORSHIP" IN ASIA. CRITICIZED CONTINUED US SUPPORT THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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"HELPS DICTATOR SUPPRESS DEMOCRACY" (REUTER PHILADELPHIA).

6. INDONESIA

SPOKESMAN REPORTS PHILLIP GROUP DISCOVERED NATURAL GAS SOUTHERN PART SALAWATI ISLAND. CONTINENTAL OIL, ITALY'S AGIP EACH OWNS 25 PCT OF GROUP; PHILLIPS PETROLEUM OWNS REMAINING HALF (WSJ, BARTLESVILLE, OKLA).

7. NEW ZEALAND

AUCKLAND HARBOR MGR R. T. LORIMER SPOKE RECENT LUNCHEON JOINTLY SPONORED BY PORT OF OAKLAND, NZ-AMERICAN ASSN, OAKLAND WORLD TRADE ASSN. REVIEWED PROPOSAL TO GNZ FOR

CENTRALIZED LAOOR-MANAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS AT PORT OF AUCKLAND IN INTEREST REDUCING WORK STOPPAGES (JOC).

8. INDOCHINA

AMCIT CLIFFORD RANDLOPH, VNAMESE WIFE, 8-YR OLD DAUGHTER ARRIVED BANGKOK WEDNESDAY ON CHARTER FLIGHT FROM SAIGON. SAID WAS CONTRACTOR VARIOUS USG AGENCIES; SPENT 14 YRS SVN. SECOND AMCIT PERMITTED LEAVE IN WEEK (UPI, NYDN; WP; AP, WSTAR 5/12).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. INDOCHINA

WSTAR BELIEVES MAY BE INTERESTING, IF PERHAPS USELESS, SPECULATE WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED IF HHH PUBLICLY PURSUED POSITION TOOK IN PRIVATE MEMO TO LBJ FEBRUARY 1965, AGAINST ESCALATION VN WAR. RECALLS NEXT DAY LBJ SCHEDULED "ROLLING THUNDER" AGAINST NVN BEGIN. ALSO "EXILED" HHH FROM ADMIN INNER COUNCILS "FOR MONTHS." WILL NEVER KNOW WHETHER COURSE HISTORY MIGHT HAVE BEEN CHANGED, BECAUSE HHH DID NOT GO PUBLIC, INSTEAD BECAME "VOCAL DEFENDER" OF LBJ POLICY.

UPI (SAIGON) DESCRIBES CAMPAIGN SPRUCE UP HO CHI MINH UNCLASSIFIED

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CITY, RESTORE INTL ATMOSPHERE, IN ATTEMPT ATTRACT TOURISTS, INVESTMENT. CITES AIR VIETNAM SOURCES WHO SAY SEVERAL AIRLINES PLAN OPEN SAIGON BRANCHES NEXT MONTH, MAKE CITY MORE ACCESSIBLE TO OUTSIDE WORLD.

10. CHINA

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD, AT CANTON, FINDS POSTERS, CAREFULLY WORDED TO BACK ANTI-TENG CAMPAIGN, PUT UP IN HOUSES, OFFICES, FACTORIES THROUGH CITY, AND IN COMMUNES OUTSIDE. BUT CANTON CAMPAIGN APPEARS UNDER TIGHT CCP CONTROL WITH POPULAR PARTICIPATION LIMITED TO OFFICIALLY-AUTHORIZED EXPRESSIONS SUPPORT. EXCEPT FOR POSTERS AND INCREASED POLITICAL STUDY SESSIONS USING OFFICIAL PRESS MATERIAL FOR GUIDANCE, BITTER ANTI-RIGHTIST

CAMPAIGN SEEMS FAR AWAY. SAYS DURING FIVE-DAY CANTON VISIT LAST WEEK, NO POSTERS SEEN THAT TOOK ADVANTAGE OF CAMPAIGN TO ATTACK LOCAL OFFICIALS, AS HAS REPORTEDLY HAPPENED IN SEVERAL OTHER PLACES RECENTLY.

BUT BUTTERFIELD SAW EVIDENCE CAMPAIGN HAS AFFECTED INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, HAS LED CANTON FACTORY OFFICIALS INSIST ON THEIR COMMITMENT TO GOALS OTHER THAN

INCREASES IN OUTPUT.

11. UNCTAD

LAT'S TORGESON, AT NAIROBI, SAYS PRC TURNED CONFERENCE INTO POLITICAL ARENA TUESDAY WITH BLISTERING ATTACK AGAINST "TWO SUPERPOWERS" WHICH PLACED PEKING FIRMLY ON SIDE OF DEVELOPING NATIONS DEMANDING CONFERENCE FASHION "NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER." NOTES PRC REP, IN EFFECT, REJECTED US PROPOSALS FOR CREATION ONE-BILLION-DOL PROGRAM TO DEVELOP MINERAL/ENERGY RESOURCES IN POOR LANDS; USED "SCATHING RHETORIC" THAT DREW WARM APPLAUSE FROM AUDIENCE. BUT NOTES JAPANESE DELEGATION BACKED HAK'S INTL RESOURCES BANK PROPOSAL, GIVING IT STRONGEST SUPPORT YET (5/12).

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WP'S GETLER, IN BONN, SURVEYS WORLD REACTIONS TO US PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY RESULTS. OBSERVES SOME FIND PROSPECT "COMPLETE UNKNOWN" MAY BECOME PRES "UNSETTLING." SAYS JAPANESE BEWILDERED BY PRIMARY RITUAL UNDERSTOOD BY FEW, SHOW "SURPRISINGLY LITTLE INTEREST" IN CONFUSING US CAMPAIGN. NOTES JAPANESE ALSO PRE-OCCUPIED WITH OWN MADE-IN-US CRISIS -- LOCKHEED PAYOFF SCANDAL.

CALDER/MATSUURA (CSM) STATE FEW, BUT FERVENT LDP MINORITY MAY STILL BLOCK NPT RATIFICATION IN DIET THIS SESSION BY PLAYING ON SENSITIVITIES TO SO-CALLED "UNEQUAL TREATY" THAT BLOCKS JAPAN'S POLICY OPTIONS. ALSO NOTES JCP ARGUES NPT COMPELS NON-NUCLEAR STATES FORESWEAR POSSIBLE MEANS DEFEND SELVES WITHOUT COMPELLING SUPERPOWERS DISARM. FIND FEW INFLUENTIAL JAPANESE WISH PRESERVE "NUCLEAR OPTION," MOST VIEW ACQUISITION NUCLEAR WEAPONS AS "ETHICALLY REPUGNANT," AND "PRACTICALLY USELESS" IN VIEW STRATEGIC VULNERABILITY OF HIGH-DENSITY POPULATION, INDUSTRY. CITE POLITICAL VULNERABILITY PM MIKI, STIRRED BY LOCKHEED SCANDAL, FACT CURRENT DIET SESSION DUE END MAY 24 AS REASONS

"SLIM PROSPECTS" FOR RATIFICATION.

CHITRIB'S YATES OBSERVES JAPANESE WHO VENTURE TO EUROPEAN WELL-SPRING OF CHRISTIANITY, US HOME OF PURITANISM, ARE SHOCKED BY VISIBLE DISPLAYS OF EXPLICIT PORNOGRAPHY. IN CONTRAST, CENSORS METICULOUSLY BLACK-OUT PUBLIC DISPLAYS IN JAPAN, WHERE LOOKING FOR PORNOGRAPHY LIKE TRYING SCRATCH TOE WITH POOT ON -- "YOU KNOW IT'S THERE, BUT YOU CAN'T SEE IT."

HAMAMATSU'S FAMOUS 400-YR OLD KITE FESTIVAL DESCRIBED GREAT DETAIL BY WSJ'S THARP.

13. GENERAL

NYT FINDS PRES' EXPLANATION FOR FOREIGN AID VETO UNCONVINCING; DECISION BEARS UNMISTAKABLE MARK OF IMPROVISATION, POLITICAL OVERTONES. SAYS EVEN THOUGH PROVISION FOR SIX-MONTH SUSPENSION OF TRADE EMBARGO UNCLASSIFIED

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AGAINST VN INTENDED HELP ELICIT INFO ABOUT MIA AMCITS, FORD MAY HAVE PANICKED AT THOUGHT OF REAGAN TURNING IT INTO ANOTHER PANAMA CANAL ISSUE IN CAMPAIGN. BUT OBSERVES PRES ERROR FORTUNATELY NOT IRREVERSIBLE, AND CONGRESS WILLING FORGE NEW COMPROMISE, DROP PROVISION CONCERNING TRADE WITH VN, AND SOFTEN OTHER POSITIONS. NOW UP TO EXECUTIVE TO GIVE ANSWER SUGGESTING CONCERNS OF PRES RATHER THAN TACTICS OF NOMINATION CANDIDATE.

NYPOST (5/7) CITES CONCERN OF SEN GLENN, OTHERS, ABOUT UNLICENSED SHIPMENTS PLUTONIUM TO EUROPE, ASIA, AUSTRALIA. TERMS THIS INSANITY COURSE, AND IMPLORES FORD/REAGAN "STOP THEIR MUSCLE-FLEXING AND DISCUSS" SUBJECT.

CSM'S OKA, IN LONDON, NOTES CONCLUSION BY INTL INST STRATEGIC STUDIES THAT DISPUTES THOSE WHO CONTENT DETENTE HAS FAVORED SOV RATHER THAN WEST. CITES INST DIRECTOR CHRISTOPH BERTRAM TELLING PRESS HANOI MIGHT BE LEANING TOWARD MOSCOW, BUT CAMBODIA SEEMS FAVOR PEKING, AND FALL OF VN DID NOT PUT INDOCHINA IN SOV ORBIT. BERTRAM ALSO NOTED SINO-SOV SPLIT CAUSES OTHER DIFFICULTIES FOR MOSCOW, E.G., NO SOONER DID GROMYKO VISIT TOKYO THAN MIKI DECLARED JAPAN WOULD SIGN ANTI-HEGEMONY TREATY WITH PRC. ROBINSON

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